



Oral History Interns Needed

The National Park Service is seeking interns for the Glen Echo Park Oral History Project. For much of the twentieth century, Glen Echo was the premier amusement park in the Washington, D.C. area. Due to its policy of segregation, the park was the site of Civil Rights demonstrations in 1960, which succeeded in integrating the park the following year. Following a decline in attendance, the park fell into disuse until it was acquired by the National Park Service in 1971. Today the park is a thriving arts community managed by a unique partnership between the National Park Service and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture.

In order to gain first-hand knowledge about the park's past, the Glen Echo Park Oral History Project interns will collect interviews from former patrons and employees of Glen Echo Amusement Park, participants and observers of the Civil Rights protests at the Park, and those who facilitated the park's transition from amusement park to contemporary arts community. Course credit for this internship may be available by arrangement with your academic advisor.

Duties:

Interns will work under the supervision of Park Rangers to implement the Glen Echo Park Oral History Project. Each intern will work 8-12 hours per week and will be responsible for completing three interviews. The interview process will include contacting potential interviewees, conducting interviews, and transcribing these interviews for public record and future National Park Service use.

Qualifications:

Applicants must be students with a background in history, sociology, ethnography, or similar disciplines. They must possess strong interpersonal communication skills and the ability to work independently under minimal supervision. Basic computer skills are required. Applicants must also have independent transportation, as public transportation to Glen Echo Park is limited.

Benefits:

- Federal government experience
- A potential letter of recommendation from the National Park Service
- Training in oral history methods and practice
- Experience in interviewing and transcription techniques
- Opportunities to attend other National Park Service trainings around the region
- Special recognition on the Glen Echo Park website

How to Apply:

Send a resume and cover letter addressing how this internship would provide you an opportunity to grow by email to: Zackary_Gardner@nps.gov

Or by mail to: Glen Echo Park Oral History Project
Attn: Zackary Gardner
5801 Oxford Rd.
Glen Echo, MD 20812

The deadline to apply for the Fall 2011 internship is Friday, September 16, 2011, 1.00 PM.